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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SECRETARY FROM SAQQAF

REF: SECTO 199 (STATE 162020Z NOV 73)

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE UNDER
REFERENCE FROM MINISTER OF STATE FOR FONAFAIRS OMAR
SAQQAF. SAQQAF LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 22, 1973; ORIGINAL
BEING POUCHED TO MR. DICKMAN, NEA/ARP. EMBASSY TRANS-
LATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DEAR HENRY:

I RECEIVED WITH DEEP THANKS AND INTEREST YOUR LETTER
DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1973 WHICH H.E. AMBASSADOR AKINS
PRESENTED TO ME; I HAD BEEN INFORMED PREVIOUSLY, MOREOVER,
OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY GAVE TO
CORRESPONDENTS OF THE T.V. NETWORKS DURING YOUR LAST VISIT
TO PEKING (AND IN WHICH YOU STATED) YOUR VIEWS TOWARD
THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

YOUR RECENT VISIT TO SOME OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES,
AND YOUR LISTENING TO THE VIEWS OF THEIR LEADERS, UN-
DOUBTEDLY WAS USEFUL SINCE MANY OF THE FACTS AND MISFORTUNES
WHICH OUR REGION HAS BEEN UNDERGOING FOR MORE THAN A
QUARTER OF A CENTURY WERE MADE CLEAR TO YOU.

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THIS VISIT LIKEWISE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS BEGUN TO
GIVE THIS PROBLEM A MEASURE OF CONCERN; IT IS IMPORTANT
TO ME, THEREFORE, TO REPEAT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF H.M.

KING FEISAL STILL BELIEVES IN THE NECESSITY OF INTENSIFYING EFFORTS BY THE UNITED STATES SO THAT ALL ITS POTENTIALS CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR AND SO THAT ISRAEL WILL RESPECT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITHDRAW SOONEST FROM ALL THE ARAB TERRITORIES WHICH IT OCCUPIED IN THE YEAR 1967, AND RESPECT THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO SELF DETERMINATION. THIS IS A NECESSARY AND VITAL MATTER. (THE FOREGOING) MOREOVER, WOULD PREVENT ANOTHER EXPLOSION THAT COULD EXPOSE THE REGION TO NEW DANGERS; IT COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR ALL PARTIES THAT ARE CONCERNED FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION TO CONTINUE WORK TOWARD ACHIEVING A PERMANENT PEACE BASED UPON JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

WHILE FOLLOWING WITH CLOSE ATTENTION YOUR EFFORTS ON THIS MATTER, I AM CERTAIN THAT THIS PROBLEM NOW ENGROSSES YOUR THOUGHT AND CONCERNS.

IT PLEASES ME THAT WE ARE IN CONSTANT TOUCH TO EXCHANGE OPINION AND INFORMATION ON EVERYTHING AFFECTING THE GREAT ISSUE OF THE ARABS, AND RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES,
OMAR SAQQAF END QUOTE.

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